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In early 1955, VEB [redacted]bau Karl Marx Babelsberg was ordered to build a special type of freight train locomotives for Bulgaria. These locomotives are to be designed for the firing of the low-quality brown coal mined in Bulgaria. Bulgaria ordered a total of 49 locomotives, of which the first group of three units was scheduled to be delivered in November 1955. Since the designs for the locomotives ordered were not completed by early August 1955, it appeared improbable that the delivery terms would be kept. The GDR Government is considering the possibility of leasing locomotives to Bulgaria until the locomotives ordered by this country can be delivered. 25X1

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appears improbable that the locomotive factory at Babelsberg will be able to fulfil this order, especially since the factory has accumulated arrears of 50 locomotives in [redacted] contracts concluded with the GDR railroads. 25X1

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